



James M. Hand

February 27, 1964 - May 6, 2023

James M. Hand, age 59, of Chebanse passed away Saturday, May 6, 2023 in Ft. Myers, FL. He was born February 27, 1964 in San Antonio, TX, the son of James A. & Sandra (Brown) Hand. James married Lisa Wasniewski on June 26, 1982 in Chicago Heights.

James worked in maintenance for the City of Kankakee. He enjoyed riding his motorcycle. James loved helping others with different projects.

He was a veteran of the United States Air Force.

Surviving are his wife, Lisa Hand of Braidwood; two sons, Michael & Kristen Hand of Bourbonnais and Ryan & Karla Hand of Aliso Viejo, CA; one sister, Tina Hand of VA; one brother, Guy & Mary Hand of MO; and four grandchildren, Mason Hand, Rylan Hand, Lorelai Hand, and Zander McClelland. James is preceded in death by his parents and one son, Jason Hand.

Visitation will be held from 4-8 p.m. on Thursday, May 18, 2023 at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais. Cremation rites will be accorded following the visitation. Private family inurnment will be held at a later date at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood.

Memorials may be made for Toys for Tots.

Cemetery Details

Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery

20953 Hoff Road
Elwood, IL 60421

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 18. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.
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Bourbonnais, IL 60914
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Tribute Wall

LO

“ Lorelai lit a candle in memory of James M. Hand



lorelai - April 28, 2025 at 05:42 PM

KR

“ Thank you for all the fun times, all of the advice and help you showered me with. I really wish I had not cancelled...I thought there was more time. 💔💔💔

Kelli Reavis - October 19, 2023 at 04:03 AM

DJ

“ I worked with Jimmy on pipeline job in Illinois a few yrs back. I loved his sense of humor. He was such a giving man and would help anyone at the drop of a dime. Being a widow and working on the road a cpl things messed up in my RV and even tho we worked late he came over and fixed my issue. MORE than once he helped me out. I'm blessed to have met him and kept in touch with him. Such a talented man. My prayers and condolences go out to his family and friends. He will be missed. Rest in peace my friend
Enjoy the wind therapy up in heaven.

Debra Junker-Post - May 19, 2023 at 10:31 AM

LP

“ We didn't know Jimmy very long but we enjoyed the times we had.
Rest in peace. Lou and Pat

Lou and Pat - May 15, 2023 at 08:14 PM

TM

“ I was so blessed to be a part of this man’s life. He was all around a great man! Willing to help anyone and everyone. Thank you for all the great times and laughs!
Fly high my love!



Tammy Mueller - May 15, 2023 at 10:55 AM

LM

“ Jim was a great neighbor and friend. He would always help me when I needed a Hand. My brother in law was helping me put a roof on my rental next door. We were not moving along very well. Jim stopped by and saw what we had done so far, went home and grabbed a hammer then proceeded to help us finish the roof. He was a great neighbor. May God comfort the Hand family during this difficult time.

Larry McIntyre - May 14, 2023 at 03:58 PM

SU

“ Condolences to the family on the loss of my nephew. Jimmy was quite a character and I love him.

Sue - May 13, 2023 at 09:43 AM

PB

“ Pam Block lit a candle in memory of James M. Hand



Pam Block - May 11, 2023 at 09:25 AM

PB

Al and I were sad to hear that Jim passed away. He will be sadly missed by many. You will be in our thoughts and prayers Lisa and family. Sending our deepest sympathy. Hugs

Pam Block - May 11, 2023 at 09:29 AM

KK

I really am in utter shock. I truly pray and hope that family and friends know that he was such a great man. He truly loved to make people laugh. A good decent man who would do anything for anyone. He will be missed greatly and may he rest in peace. I love you my friend.

Karen Klukis

Karen Klukis - May 14, 2023 at 09:23 PM

KR

“ Jim was a man of integrity and dedication to whom he knew. I had the pleasure of being a part of his main life for 3 years and till this sad day we spoke often. Jim Will always have a special place in my heart we had great times and of course bad times but I will never forget him or all the years and time together. Much love always
Kandy



kandy rossi - May 10, 2023 at 05:35 PM

GA

“ Sorry for your loss. Jim was so generous, caring, helpful and hard working.
He will be missed by so many.



Gale - May 10, 2023 at 09:21 AM

MS

“ *What a great guy. Always kept us laughing. A real pleasure to know him. Our thoughts with you in Deepest sympathy.*

Marvin and Denise Schrum - May 09, 2023 at 12:44 PM

MS

“ *Marvin And Denise Schrum lit a candle in memory of James M. Hand*



Marvin and Denise Schrum - May 09, 2023 at 12:41 PM

CI

“ *I'm so sorry for You and Your Family's losd , Lisa*



Carl Irps - May 09, 2023 at 10:22 AM

JS

“ *Jeff Stone lit a candle in memory of James M. Hand*



jeff stone - May 08, 2023 at 07:49 PM

JS

Rest in peace Jim

jeff stone - May 08, 2023 at 07:51 PM

JJ

“ Jim was a really strong will person, kind, funny and caring. Every time I flip a breaker in my service panel I will think of him since he was the one who replaced it ... rip my friend and to your family we have a spot in our hearts for you



johnny jones - May 08, 2023 at 07:05 PM

GB

“ Where do I start...My best buddy thru out our childhood. When you saw one of us the other wasn't far behind. We stayed in touch thru out our adult years. Talked like we never missed a thing. Rest easy my friend..

Gary Bell - May 08, 2023 at 05:36 PM

DF

“ Debra S Foltz lit a candle in memory of James M. Hand



Debra S Foltz - May 08, 2023 at 05:34 PM

DF

I never met anyone in my life that was so willing to help at a seconds notice and without hesitation. Thank you Jim for all you have ever done for me and my family. You will be extremely missed. Rest in Peace Friend

Debra S Foltz - May 08, 2023 at 09:18 PM